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Consider

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The lilies of the field whose bloom is brief—
We are as they
Like them we fade away,
As doth a leaf.

Consider

The sparrows of the air, of small account:
Our God doth view
Whether they fall or mount—
He guards us too.

Consider

The lilies that do neither spin nor toil,
Yet are most fair—
What profits all this care,
And all this toil?

Consider

The birds, that have no barn nor harvest-weeks:
God gives them food—
Much more our Father Seeks
To do us good.

Christina G. Rossetti.

SERMONETTE.

Rev. W. H. Knauff.

Text: "Then there were certain Greeks who came to Philip . . . and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. . . . Jesus answered them saying . . . Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. . . . If any man serve Me, let him follow Me." John 12: 21, 24, 26.

We Would See Jesus.

To Nicodemus the Jew Jesus speaks of the serpent lifted up in the wilderness, to these Greeks He speaks of the grain of wheat, a symbol which is dear to Jew and Gentile alike. With divine mastery Christ pictures His glorification which is about to begin. The image chosen perfectly illustrates the necessity of the cross and the resultant glory. If the grain of wheat be not planted, it will indeed not die, but it will then remain alone, producing nothing. So would the Son of Man remain alone if He would not stoop to the cross and death. He might have remained alone in solitary glory, but He chose to die, that many might come unto the Father by Him. Who will measure the wonders of His own glory and the abundance of the fruit that will follow in the children of God, made such and rendered Christ-like by Him? He stooped to the cross and grave in the glory of love for us.

These men were not Greek Jews but "proselytes of the gate," former idolators, who had accepted the essentials of the Jewish religion and some customs and practices, without formally being received into the synagogue by circumcision. Just why they placed their request before the disciples through Philip is not stated. Most likely Jesus was in the court of the men where Gentiles could not enter. Happening to find Philip passing in or out, they approached him with their desire. We know, too, their purpose in being in Jerusalem at that time—"to worship at the feast." Had the news of Lazarus' resurrection reached them? Had the festal entry of Christ into Jerusalem drawn their attention? Had some life-word from the lips of Jesus reached them as a puff of wind bears the pollen of the plant to some distant part? We do not know which but it is an accepted truth that the magnetic needle always turns to the

north. Just as the setting sun sends out its most beautiful rays and lights up the circle of the sky about it, so the glory of the Lord standing at the threshold of death sends out its rays and a desire to see Him is roused even in the hearts of Gentiles. In the same manner at dawn, the childhood of His life, the wise men as the first fruits of the Gentiles were drawn by the light of the wondrous star from far away Persia. So great a light in this world of darkness could not remain hid. If these Greeks so eagerly desired to see Jesus, how much more should we who know Him far better than they when they sought Him.

It is a blessed fruit indeed of His death and of our finding Him in faith, that we and so many with us serve and follow Him. To see Jesus, truly to see Him is salvation here and hereafter (v. 25, 26). We must emphasize the word "Me"—If "Me" any man serve, "Me" let Him follow. And He has thus described Himself. The Saviour thus glorifies—Him we should serve, our Master beyond compare. Blessed will that service be. But Him we must "follow," if we would truly be His servants, walking in His footsteps, becoming ever more like Him." Where I am there shall My servant be also." This is blessed service indeed which leads to exaltation with the Master whom we serve. Behold the example of all patriarchs, with what great constancy they have held out in their woe and affliction, and you will see in them also the fruit of their patience and constancy. Joseph would never have attained the high position of ruler in Egypt, if at first he had not been plagued, killed, and crushed. Therefore, if you are a Christian, let the world be angry at you, if it will, and take from you all it can; but do you comfort yourself with this thought—the worse they intend and conspire the nearer God is to you, and intends the very best for you. Ignatius was to be cast before lions to die for his Christian faith. When he heard their hungry roars he bade affectionate farewell to his friends and said: "I am God's grain of wheat; to be turned into God's shew-bread I must be ground up by the teeth of these wild animals." Thus he died in time to live eternally. So the Christian's afflictions and persecutions serve the one purpose that we trust and know God will control all for our eternal good. Thus let us see Jesus in His great compassion and love—in His Savior-glory. Amen.

THE LUTHERAN TYPE OF CHRISTIANITY.

Prof. Adolf Hult.

What? "Is Christ divided?" (1 Cor. 1: 13..

Does the Church of the Word, the Lutheran Church, make many ways to heaven, the Lutheran way one of them? We say as Paul says fifteen times in the New Testament: "God forbid!" It is to Lutherans enough that Christ says: "I am the Way." What do we, then, mean by The Lutheran Type of Christianity? On the human side, it tells us that the word of grace has taken such and such form with us Lutherans. This, and this, we have received from our Lord, in doctrine and in life. But that is not all. As our Lutheran Confessions (creeds) declare, we believe that we by the mercies of Christ have the saving Word of God in a richer fullness than others whom we ourselves confess also have, in part, the Word.

How does this Lutheran type look? In doctrine and in general Christian ideas of life and practice? We are "ready always to give answer to every man that asketh us a reason concerning the hope that is in us." (1 Peter 3: 15).

The Scriptures Decide. The Word of God settles all questions of faith and life. "We believe, teach and confess that the only rule and standard according to which at once all dogmas and teachers should be esteemed and judged are nothing else than the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures of the Old and of the New Testament," says the amplest of our Lutheran Confessions, the Formula of Concord, 1580. With us it is not: Scripture and our own reason. Why did Protestantism early divide? Because that otherwise noble man, Calvin, the Swiss Reformer, and before him Zwingli at Marburg, October 1-3, 1529, could not bring themselves to adjudge the doctrine of the Lord's Supper only by the Word of God. The always magnanimous Luther would not have refused the hand of fellowship to Zwingli at Marburg, if the Word of God had not been the issue. Personally, as witness his letter a few days later, he gave the "right hand of peace and love." But not in a discussion where the Scriptures were concerned. "Thus sayeth the Lord," this Biblical expression is the key to our Biblical obedience to the Word.

Do We Judge Men's Hearts? Of doctrine the Church is and must be the judge. Do we also make ourselves a Supreme Court of souls and hearts? "Who art thou, that judgest the servant of another? to his own Lord he standeth or falleth" (Rom. 14: 4). For Lutherans that suffices. We do "prove the spirits," if they be of God, when they come and teach us. Their personal relations to their Lord we, finally, leave to them and their Lord. If their life openly shows them as children of unrighteousness, they stand accused by the Word of God itself. What largeheartedness and fairness this Lutheran type of relation to other confessing Christians evinces?

Typical Lutheran Preaching. Any one, with knowledge of the Bible, will soon notice that true teaching and preaching in our Lutheran Church is orderly, with the order of the Holy Spirit in his Holy Scriptures. You hear the saying: "The Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church." We talk of the "Order of Salvation." Our true pastors do not first try to convert men by the gospel and then terrify them by the law. "Through the law cometh the knowledge of sin" (Rom. 3: 20). That must be first. "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1: 16). The law of God makes sin exceedingly sinful, makes room for Christ and His Gospel. So we speak of preaching "Law and Gospel," not mixing them, nor divorcing them from one another. We also say: True Lutheran preaching centers on "sin and grace." You will hear among us of "faith and works." But that is old-fashioned, they tell us? No more so than God Himself, who has given men just such a Word! Till time is no more, sin and grace must be the centre of preaching and teaching. What great doctrines do we rest on? The atoning blood of Christ, His rising for our justification, and righteousness before God by faith, not by our works. The Church stands or falls with this pure doctrine of justification by faith alone. I need a gracious God. In the blood of Christ he is that. I need to find Him personally. He gives the contrite faith to believe the promise in the blood. He who believes is pardoned (justified). He is a sinner still, but a forgiven sinner, and adopted child of God, holy by faith, heir of God, and "joint-heir with Christ."

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EDITORIAL

The Harvest.—Much depends upon the harvest of 1917. The world's stock of food has become so small as a result of the violence of man that should the crop of 1917 fail in whole or even in part dire need might come to multitudes of people even in such parts of the world as hitherto have been spared the experience of want. So far as Canada is concerned the prospects at this writing are very reassuring. Probably the present generation has not seen anything more promising than the waving grain that clothes the face of the earth in Ontario. Words cannot describe the appeal that the picture makes to the aesthetic sense and to the practical mind it speaks of filled barns and overflowing granaries. What a grateful people we should be. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." Man may plant and cultivate but if God withholds the increase man labors but in vain. God is giving a wonderful increase with peace and security in which to garner that increase. "O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" Brethren, what shall your thank offering be? Do you bare the head and raise the countenance heavenward in grateful adoration as

you go amidst the waving masses or pick your steps among the roots? Are you pledging more devoted service in the Church of Christ? Are you preparing a portion of the increase for the Lord's treasury? We are stewards, brethren, stewards. What account will you render of your stewardship over the soil? The issue cannot be evaded. God will expect of you a thank offering in keeping with the gift He has bestowed. Remember those not enjoying gospel grace and forget not fellowmen suffering from temporal needs.

Pulpit Themes.—Are sin and grace as pulpit themes worn threadbare? Do we need a new message? When we scan the Saturday announcements of church services in our cities we are in danger of forming perhaps the uncharitable conclusion that many pastors have forgotten their commission and are groping about for a substitute. In spiritual food they seem to withhold the kernel and offer only hulls. But the hulls satisfy not. The Toronto Globe says: "A correspondent writes referring to the recent comment in this column on the sensational topics of preachers found in a Winnipeg paper, and calls attention to similar themes taken from the advertisements in a Toronto paper. He asks: 'What do you think of religion in Toronto?' The answer is pretty obvious: wrong is wrong anywhere, and, of course, two wrongs cannot make a right. Wherever preachers have recourse to purely sensational topics, it may be said to indicate a weakness, and an apparent inability to be satisfied with the true, full, strong Christian message. Whenever the Gospel is preached out of an intellectual conviction and a spiritual experience it will carry its own recommendation, and prove, as ever, the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Our Lutheran pastors have their shortcomings like any other human occupants of the pulpits of the land but we have not yet heard that they have ceased preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified for the salvation of men. A world overtaken in the consequences of sin is pleading for relief and the only message of true relief is the Everlasting and Everliving and Eversaving Gospel.

A Soldier's Testimony.—The following from the Toronto Globe is so

good that we commend it to the prayerful attention of all our readers:

"A striking testimony was given the other day by a young officer, which deserves to be quoted and pondered. Referring to the prospect of death, which was always before him, he wrote thus:

Although I have not regarded the prospect of it with pleasure (I should imagine that in a young man that would be unnatural), but I can say that it has caused me no fear. I have, of course, such feelings to "buck me up" as the thought of being an Englishman, a gentleman, the descendant of soldiers, and so on; but when it comes to the point such things are of little or no value.

No, I have an assurance which is of far more use to me than any of these things, the knowledge that Jesus Christ is my Saviour, and that He will be with me after death, the same as He has been with me for the last three or four years. This has been of the greatest comfort to me, and—under God—I owe it all to you, my dearest parents; and I could never, if I lived a thousand years, tell you what I would want to, or thank you for all that you have done for me, and especially, the best thing of all, in bringing me up in the knowledge of my Saviour.

The letter was found on him after his death, at the age of nineteen. Could anything be more beautiful? Mark the threefold message: (1) Not the consciousness of being a fine Englishman or of military descent enables a man to die well. (2) But the consciousness of Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. (3) And this was due to the loving, wise, personal influence of the parents. Let fathers and mothers read these words again and again, the splendid thanks to those parents from this fine young warrior for Christ and history. It is worth living for to be told by children that nothing can express what parents have done for them in this best of all ways—the knowledge of Christ. What an encouragement to patient, loving, seed-sowing and personal influence! No wonder the Apostle Paul urges the importance of 'piety at home.'

Quadricentennial Celebrations. — What are we doing to play a proper part in the jubilee celebrations? Time is passing and in order to celebrate in the fall preparations should get under way promptly. A big demonstration is being planned for Labor Day in

Kitchener. Massed choirs and bands will furnish Reformation music and speakers of continental note will tell of Reformation blessings. The morning meeting will be in German and the afternoon and evening meetings in English. Will our people make a special effort to visit Kitchener on Labor Day? It is an opportunity of a life time for none of us will participate in another centenary celebration. Shall we go?

The Thank Offering.—Read the announcement on page 15 and prepare to bring your thank offering for missions on October 7th next.

Our Motto.—"The Canada Lutheran in every home."

AN OLD LUTHERAN CHURCH

There's a dear little church in the
country
Near the rocks and the forest clad
hills
Where in fancy so often I wander,
And with pleasure my heart ever
thrills.

To that altar as babes we were carried
By our parents who promised that we
Should be taught the great truths of
our Saviour
Who said, "Bring the children to me."

It was there that we learned precious
lessons,
The wonderful truths from God's
word.

It was there every Sabbath morning
The message of Christ we were told.

At this altar we promised when older,
Our Saviour's command to obey,
And vowed we would follow His
teaching
And love Him and serve Him alway.

Oft I worship in churches more costly
As far from this valley I roam,
But no spot on this earth can be
dearer
For this old Lutheran church still is
home.

Flora Schrack, Lucas, Ohio.

In Lutheran Church Work and Observer.

Religion must first approach the child in the form of life, and afterward in the form of instruction.—Luthardt.

CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES

Edited by Revs. E. Hoffmann, D.D., and W. H. Knauff.

Alberta.

The following letter will be of interest to all our readers.—Ed.

Strathcona, Alta., July 3, 1917.

Dear Brother Willison:

The little Canada Lutheran always brings such cheery breezes from the East, so I thought it might be of interest to you and the readers of the Canada Lutheran to hear something from our mission field in the Prairie Provinces. I therefore submit a condensed report of some of our doings at the meeting of Synod, hoping to see it in print.

The Synod of Manitoba and other Provinces convened in Langenburg, Sask., June 14-18. Opening services were conducted by the President, Rev. J. Goos. Officers for the coming biennium are: Rev. H. Becker, Pres.; Rev. E. Tuerkheim, Sec.; and Mr. C. Weidenhammer, treasurer. The most important features are as follows: Creation of a Students' Aid Fund, Resolution of the laymen to push most energetically the work of the College at Saskatoon; selling \$2,000 worth of bonds in a ten minute recess. This money was needed for a debt and the bonds were bought by pastors and laymen.

A missionary service was held on Friday evening with sermons by Rev. E. Tuerkheim, and Rev. Zablis. On Sunday Jubilee Service in the morning and holy communion, Rev. H. Haims officiating. On Sunday evening English service with a sermon by Rev. A. Goos. On Monday evening a Jubilee Luther programme was rendered by the different organizations of the church and some of the pastors. A representative of the Mission Board was also present in the person of the Rev. Paul Ludwig, who brought the greetings of those who are giving so much aid to our Church in these days of unrest. The Church has suffered greatly, especially the city congregations, but the different reports showed an onward move.

With greetings and best wishes for you and the Canada Lutheran and its readers.

I am, fraternally yours,
A. GOOS.

Brantford.

On June 24th Rev. H. J. Behrens conducted the services. Holy communion was administered and was well attended. The annual picnic of congregation was held on Saturday, June 30th.

Death visited our mission on June 29th, when Mr. Edward Sandberg was called home. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and six small children. May God be the Comforter and Father of the widow and fatherless. The funeral was conducted by the pastor on July 1st. During the month six new members were received by card.

Baptisms.—The following were baptized and made children of grace by Rev. H. J. Behrens, on June 24th: John Henry, son of Carl Schultz and Francis (nee Dunn); Reginald Frederick, son of Sylvan Bechtel and Clara (nee Demstadt), on July 4th, by Rev. E. H. Huenergard. Ruth Gladys, Clarence Gordon, Harold Olaf, the three children of Mrs. E. Sandberg.

On Sunday, July 8th, after the evening service, the annual congregational meeting was held. Reports showed an increase, both numerically and financially. Mr. Strand and Mr. Glebe were re-elected as treasurer and secretary. The W.M.S. and S.S. also reported increases over the previous year.

Dunbar.

Pastor Carl Sorensen and his bride have been made welcome in the Dunbar parish and are hard at work. An impressive installation service was conducted by President Maurer assisted by Dr. Little.—Ed.

Elmwood.

During the meeting of the Canada Synod, held in Hanover, Rev. E. H. Beckman of Galt, and Dr. Weidenhammer of Waterloo, journeyed up to Elmwood and delivered two very inspiring addresses in the interests of our Seminary. The congregation enjoyed the addresses very much and it is our desire that the occasion should not be the last one. To assure the reader that the words of the speakers were not in vain it might be stated here that the Church Council has met and the necessary plans to be used in accumulating our share to-

wards the Jubilee Fund have been made.

On Monday evening, June 25th, the young peoples' society spent a very sociable time at the home of Reuben Monk who is about to leave for Winnipeg, where he is employed on the staff of the Royal Bank. After an address and presentation to the young banker, to which he made a suitable reply, the remainder of the evening was spent in games and very appropriate songs.

On July 2nd the joint picnic of the Hanover, Walkerton and Elmwood Y. P. A's was held at Pearl Lake. The weather being very favorable there was a large turn-out, and everybody agreed that it was the most pleasant time which they ever spent at a picnic. The day did not fall short of amusements. The picnic proved to be so successful that every one hopes that this may become an annual affair.

Guelph.

We report progress. The morning and evening services have both had a marked increase in attendance since the summer's work has been resumed. Fifty years of Confederation was observed at both services on July 1st. In the morning a service of praise and thanksgiving was rendered by the Sunday School, but the down-pour of rain lessened the attendance considerably. Miss Gladys Rothmel recited "Recessional" very acceptably. Mr. L. Irschick gave an address on "Service for Our Dominion," while the student pastor gave an historical address.

A successful feature of the work has been the organizing of Wednesday evening services for the purpose of devotion, inspiration and education. A series of lectures on the Reformation is being given and judging by the attendance, interest has been maintained from the first.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Sankay, who was very sick for a long time, is gaining daily. Mr. A. Mogk, who injured his hand while at work in the factory, is getting along nicely. The many friends of Mrs. Conrad Liphardt, who is now in Fernie, Alta., with her son, will be pleased to hear that she is much improved in health.

Galt.

After a vacancy of over two years and three months this congregation again has a pastor of its own and

looks hopefully into the future. Rev. Beckman was installed at the morning service on Sunday, June 10th, by the President of Synod. In the evening of the same day he preached in Trinity, Hamilton, and left the following week to attend the Canada Synod at Hanover, during the convention of which he preached at three of the churches of the community. On Sunday, June 24, he took charge of the work at Galt as its regular pastor, conducting a special baptismal service in the morning, at which a beautiful silver baptismal bowl was presented to the congregation as a quadri-centennial gift by the Up-Streamer and Rose-bud classes of the Sunday School. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Seyffert, Kathryn Elizabeth, also became a child of grace through holy baptism and an appropriate sermon was preached. In the evening the pastor preached his inaugural sermon, using as his text the words of Paul, "I determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

On Sunday, July 1st, the pastor preached a Jubilee sermon in the morning and in the evening, in his absence at Waterloo where he conducted and preached at the patriotic service, a special Dominion Day programme, "His Dominion," was conducted by S. S. Supt. Jas. Kent. Two addresses were delivered, "Canada and Fifty Years of Blessings," by Richard Geelhaar, a junior of Waterloo Seminary, and "Our Duty to Canada and the Empire," by Stanley Gartung, a senior of Waterloo College. The congregation's Honor Roll was also formally unveiled and special music, appropriate to the occasion, was rendered.

The back room of our church here has been thoroughly renovated and is now to be newly furnished as a church parlor in which the organizations and members of the congregation can meet. The annual S. S. and congregational picnic was held in Jackson Park on June 30, and was a big success. Much credit was due to Supt. Kent and Mrs. Wendell for the successful way in which it was conducted. All enjoyed a real good time. On July 7th the Happy Thought Class held its picnic and despite the rain an enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent in the pavilion at Waterloo Park. The Seminary was also visited.

The pastor has taken up "bachelor apartments" at 69 Dickson St., where all friends will be welcome at any time. His address is Box 152, Galt.

Halifax, N.S.

The Church of the Resurrection, Rev. W. M. Weaver, pastor, dedicated last July, reports a most prosperous congregational year. There has been a steady increase in attendance at services and Sunday School. The present pastor took charge as permanent pastor during the past year. The accessions by transfer and confirmation were 31. The net gain, however, was only 15, as 16 members removed. The present active membership is 111. The pastor married 6 couples, baptized 6 children, and conducted 4 funerals. The Sunday School numbers 81. The income of the congregation \$2,246.08, of which \$203.11 was for benevolence. A Luther League and a wide-awake Missionary Society have been organized. The duplex envelope system is in use. The attendance at evening services reached as high as 150. In spite of the war, which has in so many ways hindered work, the congregation looks hopefully to the future. Twenty-four young men of the congregation are serving their country in one form or other of service.

—The Lutheran.

Hamilton.

Our Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society met on June 21. A good number was present. It was resolved at the meeting, that every member endeavor to use the individual talents which God has given them, for the extension of God's kingdom. The first fruits from this resolve shall go into the treasury of our local Red Cross Fund. The Society also started a "Local Charity Fund," which monies shall be distributed, as the pastor sees prudent, to the needs, if any, in our own congregation.

Our Junior Luther League held its meeting on June 23. Since many of our children spend their vacations out of the city it was decided to discontinue our meetings until September. Our last meeting proved very interesting. A good programme was enjoyed. The young League employs all its talents, and we were privileged to listen to a well rendered solo by Dorothy Lehmen, who was accompanied by Mary Johannes.

The annual congregational meeting was held on June 20. In the pastor's report it was observed that 37 new members were taken in during the year. Losses were also sustained due to removals. The finances of the congregation were greatly improved dur-

ing the last year. The returns showed that over \$1,000 more was raised in the congregation than in the previous year. Financially it was the congregation's best year since 1911. By a unanimous vote it was decided to raise \$300 in a brief campaign, which is to end on July 31. The money thus raised is to pay off a portion of our mortgage, and the remaining current debts. May success crown our efforts.

On July 2, jointly with several members from the Brantford League and representatives from St. Paul's League, Hamilton, our League spent a very pleasant picnic at the summer home of our organist, Mr. Edward Hitzroth.

The annual Sunday School picnic was held in Dundurn Park on July 11, and notwithstanding the none too pleasant weather, the children were there. Races and games formed a portion of the programme. The children as well as the older folks enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Credit is due to the teachers and superintendent for the success.

At time of writing we regret to receive news that Mr. Geo. Kiehl, of Humberstone, father of one of our staunch council men, is seriously ill. May God, according to His wish, supply a speedy recovery. Holiday season has begun, many are already away, and the pastor will begin his month's vacation, which the congregation so kindly granted him, on July 17. He intends to spend a portion of his time attending summer school in Thiel and Gettysburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Otterbein, who have been members of our congregation since its inception, have recently moved to Ford, Ont., where Mr. Otterbein is engaged with the Ford Motor Car Company. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, who have been members of our congregation for a few years, have removed to their former home in the U. S. We regret the loss of these families and wish them God's blessing in their new homes.

Humberstone.

Fifty years of Confederation of the Dominion was observed at the morning service July 1st. Pastor Knauff preached a sermon on Prov. 14: 34. Praise and thanksgiving was the keynote of the service and supplications were offered for King and Country, as well as for peace. The choir rendered a patriotic anthem. Owing to the severe electric storm, but few attended. July 10th, the monthly meeting

of the Luther League was held at the home of the Misses Hazel and Bertha Frinkhouser with an attendance of 23. The League is having its influence upon the community felt for one new member was received, who is not a member of this church. We are glad to welcome this member into the League. Quarterly congregational meeting was held July 15th. The reports of the Envelope Steward and Treasurer were encouraging. Each member received the first semi-annual statement of his account with the church, since the introduction of the duplex envelope. Four persons were received into membership with the church. July 22nd, four adults will be confirmed by the pastor.

We thank God to be able to report that Mr. F. F. White, who has been at death's door, has recovered sufficiently to be able to leave his bed a few hours each day. May God strengthen him further in body and in soul!

July 17th, the Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Dora Crommiller when sewing was undertaken. The Society has much work on hand.

Received into God's covenant of grace on Sunday, July 15th, at the morning service—Clara Matilda, infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Snider. Also in the afternoon at the home of the grandparents—Lorena Mabel, infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. John Ebert, of Hamilton, while on a visit here.

Ottawa.

On the second Sunday of June the new pastor of St. Peter's Church for the first time occupied the pulpit, having arrived in Ottawa on the day preceding. On the evening of June 21st the congregation gathered in the basement of the church and surprised the pastor with a very hearty reception. Mr. J. A. Loa read the following address of welcome: "This is a very happy occasion. We have all anxiously and hopefully looked forward to the time when we could come together to honor and welcome our permanent pastor. After more than two years of waiting we are now granted the pleasure of extending to you, Pastor Siegner, a sincere and hearty welcome. We are weak in numbers, but we look forward under your leadership and direction and by the grace of God, to a growth in numbers as well as in faith and good works.

We pledge you our hearty support and co-operation in the work of building up a congregation, strong to do the work of the Master, both in this

city and elsewhere. We ask you to accept these flowers as a token of esteem and respect from The Congregation." Music, speeches and refreshments added to the beauty of the evening.

On Monday, July 2nd, the congregational picnic was held in Roeliff Park, and a large number of the members had come out to enjoy the day together. The Sunday School and Mission Societies have enjoyed a considerable increase during the past month. A "Sunshine Circle" for young girls was organized on Thursday, July 5th, through the efforts of Miss Mary E. Roeske.

Sherwood.

Our services are very well attended. Seventy-one attended the Lord's Supper on June 8th, and as many as 114 have been present at the regular morning service. The spirit manifested by the congregation is most cheering. A large social gathering in honor of the new members was held in the basement of the church on May 29. A varied programme to which the Unionville choir contributed was rendered. The congregation has donated a valuable set of books to the Seminary library. On July 1st a special Dominion Day Service was held and a military honor roll for five of our members formally unveiled by the pastor. On July 4 the annual picnic of the congregation was held in the church grounds. About three hundred people were present. The proceeds were devoted to the Red Cross.

We congratulate Student and Mrs. Cooper on the birth into their home of a little son. He was baptized on July 26. Student S. W. Hirtle, B.A., addressed the Luther League on July 14th, and preached to an appreciative congregation on the following Sunday. Crops are excellent.

Stratford.

Please notify your pastor if you should not get your Canada Lutheran. The concert given by the Y. P. S., June 1st, was a decided success. A handsome sum of money has been realized, part of which has been given to the Red Cross. It has been decided by the young people to purchase a piano from the Lutheran Book Room. It will be placed in the S. S. rooms and an orchestra composed of children of the S. S. and members of the congregation will then play in the S. S. services. The pastor and seven Sunday School teachers attended the

S. S. convention of the district at Kitchener, May 28. The pastor was elected president of the convention. Two synods were attended by the latter during the month of June, the Central Synod at Hamilton, June 4-6, as fraternal delegate of the Canada Synod, and the latter, which was in session at Hanover, June 13-18, as delegate of Zion congregation. After the synodical meeting at Hanover he made a short visit in his former congregation, St. Peter's, Sullivan Tp., Grey Co., where he had the pleasure of meeting many old friends and parishioners, who were delighted to see him once more after so many years and urged him to return to them, when their present pastor, Rev. M. Arendt, will retire next October. Greatly honored by the confidence of his former congregation, the pastor had to decline their generous offer and invitation. It is sincerely hoped that Sullivan Parish, Walkerton and Rankin will soon have new pastors. We welcome Mr. Hintz of Logan, in our midst. Mr. Hintz is residing at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Koch on Birmingham street. We are glad to report that Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Oittmar, Mr. Louis Eickmeier and Mrs. A. Debus have recovered from their severe illness. The Ladies' Aid Society held a very successful Tea at the home of Mrs. Christ Hamel, Nelson street, on June 22nd. The S. S. picnic will be held sometime in August. Rev. J. Maurer, President of Central Synod, preached an eloquent sermon in our church on June 10th. Rev. Maurer is very well known here. His old home is in Rostock. Mrs. Geo. Diehl, of our congregation, is his niece. We hope it will not be the last time that we are privileged to hear Rev. Maurer in our church. Urged by the laymen of the Lutheran Church in Canada and filled with enthusiasm by the good example of St. John's Church, Waterloo, the Church Council has decided to enter the campaign for raising subscriptions for the Jubilee Fund, of which we have read so much in the Canada Lutheran. The pastor has been asked to invite speakers, laymen and pastors of other congregations, to bring the matter before our congregation. All members of our congregation are cordially invited to attend the great festivities in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation to be held in the rink at Kitchener on Labor Day. It is sincerely hoped that many of our members will make it their business to join with the thousands of our Lu-

theran brethren in this district in praising and thanking the great Lord of our Church for the preservation of pure and true Bible teaching. Rev. O. Klachn, being the president of the Y.P.A., has been asked to give illustrated lectures on the Reformation in different churches of our Synod. He intends to commence his tour in the near future. A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Wasmann, Caledonia street, when their daughter, Florence, was united in holy matrimony to Mr. E. F. Strasser. May their union be blessed by God Almighty and their mutual pilgrimage through the time of this life be a happy one. Following children were baptized and thus made heirs of heavenly possessions: May 20th, Lewis George Prohl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Prohl. June 10th, Verna Emilie Lavina Hoffmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoffmann. June 24th, Stanley Percy Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Schmidt. July 1st, Edna Carolina Yungblut, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yungblut.

Toronto.

Communion services were held in St. Paul's Church on Sunday, July 15, by the Rev. N. Willison, Secretary of Synod. A number of the members are away on summer vacations and the attendance is small but faithful work is being done by the acting pastor and members.

Unionville.

Cecil Elliott, one of our Sunday School boys, had the misfortune to sustain a double fracture of his left forearm while bathing in the pond recently. He is recovering normally. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Summerfeldt, Sarah Darlene, was baptized on July 2nd in the home. Communion services were held in Buttonville and Unionville on June 8. Student S. W. Hirtle, B.A., preached here on Sunday, July 15. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stiver are visiting in Saskatchewan. Miss Dorothy Stiver and Miss Hannah Stiver are to be congratulated on passing their High School Entrance examinations. Crops never looked better.

Welland.

The golden jubilee of the Confederation was observed at the evening service of July 1st, by special praise and thanksgiving and special sermon by Pastor Knahff of Humberstone. A

large Canadian flag was tastily placed on the wall, just behind the altar.

Beautiful confirmation services were held in the church Sunday evening, July 15th, when Mrs. Dryden (nee Bieth), formerly of Preston, Miss Annie Shurek, and Mr. Victor Esser were received into full communion with the Church. The pastor preached an appropriate sermon. A number from Holy Trinity, Humberstone, attended. At the last monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, it was decided to have the annual outing at Niagara Falls the last Thursday of the month. Baptized and made a child of grace, June 24th—Julia, infant of Mr. and Mrs. John Megis.

Williamsburg.

Baptisms—June 16th, James Herman, son of Herman and Sarah Jane Whitteker. June 19th, Ada Vaughn, daughter of Isaac and Lera Barkley. Marriages—June 20th, Heber McIntosh and Eva Becksted. July 2nd, Wm. John Watt and Olive Keeler.

Several of the congregation attended the installation of Rev. Sorensen at Dunbar on June 24th. Rev. Maurer taking charge of the service. The social which was held at Dunbar on July 4th, was attended by several from our congregation.

GLEANINGS FROM THE CANADA SYNOD.

Synodical meetings have passed into history. May their deliberations and actions prove to be a blessing for the future of our Church. The convention of the Canada Synod was an extraordinarily lively one. Some questions of momentous consequence gave ample occasion for spirited discussions. The Seminary and amalgamation of the two Canada Synods proved to be the burning questions. The actions taken in regard to either one must be considered satisfactory, almost beyond expectation, considering the turn the discussions threatened to take at times. The question of unification of Synods has taken a very tractable shape by the appointment of a committee to negotiate with the proper parties of the English Synod and to report at the next meeting. We were pleased with the presence of two members of the English sister Synod, the honorable president, J. Maurer and the Rev. E. Beckman. We regretted the short stay of the former and are thankful for the services, the latter rendered to some of the congregations in the vicinity. Divine services

were held every day with audiences of really inspiring size. Sunday was a red letter day in this respect. The morning service had the character of a Reformation Jubilee celebration. The sermon preached by Rev. Rembe, Sr., was classic in regard to form and contents. It will be printed as a souvenir of the Quadricentennial Synodical meeting. In the evening Rev. Bockelmann preached on "The Seminary a Hearth of Holy Fire" (Luke 12: 49), a most edifying and stirring appeal in the interest of our Institution. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. A. C. Wegener of Toronto, the sermon has meanwhile appeared in print and is for sale at the Book Room in Kitchener for 5c. a copy for the benefit of the Seminary. Take and read it, enjoy it and serve the good cause!

We are delighted to report that the \$100,000 Seminary Jubilee Fund project has stirred some more of our congregations into action. Encouraging news comes from our Conestogo and Linwood parishes. By means of the every member canvass very substantial amounts have been realized. God bless the givers and their gifts! But the great majority of our churches seem to be slow in letting their lights shine. Brethren, let us remember, that we have but three more months to work and that the final success of the campaign becomes more questionable with every day we allow to pass without doing some planning and preparing and working for victory.

The prospects of the long extended vacancy of our Walkerton-Mildmay parish being filled are bright now. An unanimous call has been extended to the Rev. J. Strempler of Elmira, and is expected to be accepted. While we may congratulate the Walkerton people on their securing the services of so faithful a man as Bro. Strempler, it is with much reluctance we see the creation of the new vacancy at Elmira. The active and growing congregation we have in this flourishing town could not but suffer harm by a long interruption of regular pastoral care. Only recently the Elmira people have erected a very handsome new church, in which (D.V.) the Canada Synod will meet next year.

And still another vacancy confronts us. The Rev. M. Arendt has tendered his resignation to his parish in Sullivan Tp., Grey Co., to take effect October 1st this year, and will withdraw from the active ministry, for some time at least. Sullivan is one of our large country parishes with two con-

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Conducted by Mrs. N. Willison, Unionville, Ont.

PRAYER.

After reading the minutes of our convention in June and hearing the reports of their delegates, our societies, I am sure, are all looking forward to a more active year, that the message of Christ's Gospel may be spread broadcast throughout the world. Even as we pray "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." We should so conduct our lives that the prayer may be fulfilled. We should not pray and expect God to work special miracles to fulfil our prayers, but rather pray, that we may have strength and wisdom to work out their fulfillment. Then if we are sincere when we pray we will be sincere and energetic in our missionary work, for when we pray "Thy kingdom come" we pray for the time when all nations shall have heard of the Gospel of Christ. Then shall His kingdom come.

Do we make prayer a feature of our meetings? Do our presidents feel free to call upon Mrs. So-and-So to lead in prayer? When some especially important subject is brought to our attention do we pray about it? I fear most of our societies are alike and that the members are diffident, afraid to hear their own voices raised in prayer to their God and Saviour. The pastor should not do all the praying. If we wish to be efficient workers we should be consecrated workers.

At our convention it was asked that the societies have a special season of prayer for some young girl to offer herself for the hospital work at Rajamundry. May our prayers be sincere. Do not pray and in your heart hope your daughter may not be the one, but let your prayers, say, Oh Lord may my girl go to bear Thy Word and do Thy work, if she be deemed worthy of the trust. Let us give our girls to defend the Master's work as freely as we gave our sons and brothers to defend our nation. Oh! if we would only work as we pray and pray as we work.

Most of our societies have responded cheerfully to the equalization appeal. There are only some three or four to hear from.

Would the secretary of the local societies please write her name and address on a card and send same to Mrs. Knauff, Port Colborne, as it is very difficult for the Ex. Com. to correspond with societies when they do not know where to address correspondence. These addresses will be included in our bulletin this year.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Foreign Missions, Miss Bornholdt; Home Missions, Mrs. Ludolph; Inner Missions, Mrs. Moeckel; Porto Rico Missions, Mrs. Olsen; Literature, Mrs. German; Junior Work, Mrs. MacDonald; Seminary, Mrs. Conrad; Canada Lutheran, Mrs. Van Every; Mission Exhibit, Mrs. Stiver; Mission Study Classes, Mrs. Hagey; Life Memberships, Mrs. Pickering; Editor Women's Page, Canada Lutheran, Mrs. Willison.

Bibles in Place of Rum.

Through the friends of the missionaries in West Africa, there has recently been received a large consignment of Bibles. In speaking of these "The Missionary Review" says: "News is brought to the mission station that cases have arrived at the nearest point to the river. Imagine a line of 124 African carriers, each with the regulation load of sixty pounds on his head, walking in single file along the narrow track through the bush. Twenty-five Bibles in a tin-lined case made a load, so that the porters carry 3,100 copies. One hundred and twenty cases take some stowing away when storage room is limited and precautions have to be taken against the depredations of white ants. If the demand for the Bibles keeps up at the present level, the 3,100 copies will be sold within a year."—The Lutheran.

The Word of God is more than a book of information. It not only tells about sin and salvation, but delivers from sin and confers salvation.—Gerberding.

Penitence and faith are the two component parts that make up conversion.—Gerberding.

THE CANADA LUTHER LEAGUE

Conducted by Rev. E. H. Beckman, Galt, Ont.

I do hope, now that this department has been opened in our dear Canada Lutheran, that all our leagues and leaguers will assist me in making it just as interesting as possible, but do be brief. Our good Editor-in-Chief says that I have a tendency to use more than my share of the paper, but with your co-operation I am going to do my best, from now on, to keep within the page limit which the Editor has allotted to this department.

I am just in receipt of an excellent article on Junior League organization from the pen of Mr. Leon Irschick. It is long enough to fill two pages itself hence I am compelled to abbreviate. The article is entitled:

The Missing Link.

The Luther League is, as it were, a chain of consecrated workers for Christ and his Church. But this idea of a chain should not only be applied to the league itself but to the entire force of organizations in our Church, each society being a link of the chain within the local congregation. All should co-operate and work together harmoniously, for only thus will real success be attained. Our churches are not over-organized where each organization has a specific work to do and does it. In a congregation where each society attends to its own business without overlapping on that of some other, the elimination of any one of the organizations would at once cause a noticeable breach, as if a chain were pulled asunder, a breach that will shatter the healthful life of the congregation.

We have in the General Council Graded System an excellent Sunday school system; we have in the Luther League a fine provision for our young people after confirmation; our ladies are organized in their missionary societies and our men in the Laymen's Movement. All of these deserve credit. But glance at the Luther League or even one of these other societies and behold how the newer or younger members hold themselves aloof from the older ones and often form a circle of their own, and see how slow the older ones are in associating with them. These younger members are also afraid to speak out at the meetings, feeling that the older ones should do all the talking" (we wish

they would). In some cases where the younger members are only a few, they even stay away entirely, feeling out of place. Can these conditions not be remedied? Another question—Why is it so difficult to get young people into the League, who have been members of the Church for years? Why must membership contests be resorted to to secure new members? Why is it so difficult to hold the interest of the new members after they have joined? And why is all the work and discussion in our leagues left to such a few, while the majority of members sit still, afraid to speak out?

Why do we have these conditions? Because we have neglected our boys and girls in the "teen" or adolescent age—the most important period of their lives. There is a link missing here in our chain of church organizations. If we miss this opportunity of making the boy and girl partners in active church work during their teen ages we miss a good deal, but if we utilize the wealth of latent energy, ability and interest stored up in the hearts of our boys and girls we are going to greatly increase the efficiency of church work in our congregations.

The missing link needed at this stage of our work is the Junior Luther League. The Luther League of America has now made provision, besides the Senior League, for junior (ages 5 to 9) and intermediate (ages 10 to 16) leagues. Except in our larger congregations the intermediate work is all that can at present be expected of our churches in Canada. The Luther League of America further recommends the organizing of separate boys' and girls' leagues at this intermediate stage. This no doubt has many advantages, but in most of our congregations the number of children would be too small to do this. However, where it is possible, it is certainly advisable.

This is the first of a series of articles to be prepared by the Junior L.L. Committee of the Canada L. L. which consists of Miss S. Kuhl, Preston; Miss I. Prestien, Hespeler, and Mr. L. Irschick, Waterloo, any of whom will be glad at any time to give any information on Junior Work.

DISTRICT FIELD NOTES.

Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D.

In Nova Scotia.

Synodical Missionary Society.

Many roads led to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Rose Bay, N.S., the Rev. D. K. Fetterly pastor, on Thursday, June 28th, when 31 regular women delegates and 75 visitors represented the 9 Missionary Societies which constitute the Nova Scotia Synodical Society. Three sessions were held. Mrs. A. L. Ernst presided and read an interesting and appealing report. The treasurer, Mrs. W. K. Hauser, reported that \$478.90 was received during the year. The Society took out an "In Memoriam" (\$25.00) in memory of Miss Mary A. Bowers, granddaughter of the sainted Nova Scotia Missionary, Luther Cosman. The Society is also furnishing a room at the Waterloo Seminary. It was decided to assist the Synod in raising its share of the \$400,000 G. C. Thank-offering for Missions and benevolence, and also in raising a \$3,000 Synod's Jubilee Offering to be divided equally between a pension fund, the Waterloo Seminary and a Halifax Parsonage Fund. It was voted to endeavor to organize a Society in every one of the 28 congregations in the Synod, to begin mission study classes, junior work, missions in the Sunday schools and send their monthly offerings to the various causes. The president was elected delegate and Miss Etta Sweltzer alternate to attend the General Council Woman's Missionary convention in Philadelphia on October 25. The next annual meeting will be held in Halifax. The officers elected are: Pres., Mrs. A. L. Ernst; Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. J. Nelson; Rec. Sec., Miss Margaret Mosher; Cor. Sec., Miss Etta Smeltzer; Treas., Mrs. N. K. Hauser; Literature Chairman, Mrs. Albert Bruhm. Many interesting papers were read by Mrs. R. F. Thurbaton, "What should we do to celebrate the Quadri-centennial?" "Is the Individual Society Awake to its Opportunities?" Miss Gladys Conrad; "Why Foreign Missions," Mrs. Etta Murdock; "Lutheran Missions in Japan," Mrs. E. B. Smith. Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., spoke on "Woman and Her Work."

The Synod.

The fiftieth annual convention of the Synod of Nova Scotia was held in St. Matthew's Church on June 29th to

July 1st. The 8 parishes were represented by their clerical and lay delegates. There is no vacancy in the Synod. Pres. Rev. Geo. B. Pifer preached the Synodical sermon on I. Cor. 2: 9-10, and was assisted by the Secretary, the Rev. E. B. Smith, in the administration of the Holy Communion at the morning session. The President's report was well received. The Treasurer, the Rev. E. V. Nonamaker, reported \$2,368.57 received for benevolence, of which \$1,045.59 was for Home Missions. The officers named above were re-elected. The Rev. W. M. Weaver was received into the Synod from the Pittsburg Synod, and he and the Rev. H. G. Corleis were installed during the year. The Church of the Resurrection, Halifax, was consecrated and three bells were dedicated during the year. Six of the 8 parishes raised their pastor's salaries (two, \$200, and four, \$100). The Rev. W. K. Hauser was re-elected archivist. The Pres. of Synod, the presidents of the two conferences and the two pastors concerned were appointed a committee to consider the advisability of forming a new parish out of the Mahone and the Northfield Parishes. The Synod's organ is the Nova Scotia Lutheran, the Rev. W. J. Nelson, Editor; the Rev. W. K. Hauser, Business Manager. It had a prosperous year. At the request of the Editor and the Business Manager a third person, (the Rev. W. M. Weaver) was appointed to consider certain changes in the paper. The Home Mission report was interesting. The Board assists the parishes in the Synod and is willing to assist the new contemplated parish. The Rev. D. K. Fetterly was elected the Synod's representative on the Board. Home Mission week is to be observed on Nov. 18-21. The Thank-offering for the \$400,000 is to be taken on Oct. 7. A \$3,000 Jubilee offering for Synodical pensions, the Waterloo Seminary, and a Halifax Parsonage Fund is to be raised and the Rev. W. M. Weaver was appointed to visit the congregations in its interest. The Quadri-Centennial Celebration begins on Sept. 6th, at the annual Lutheran Reunion at Wentzel's Lake, when noted speakers will be present and will also speak at mass meetings in the principal centres during the following week. There will be a massed choir. A Lutheran exhibit will be shown in each congregation for a week at a time. The Committee on Social Service reported through Rev. Weaver and was re-appointed. Prayer for the

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nation, the Empire and for a righteous and enduring peace was made at a stated time during the convention. The next meeting will be held at Halifax during the last week in July. An amendment to hold future conventions of Synod between Sundays was proposed for action at the next convention.

The Wentzel's Lake Re-union Association reported a prosperous year, the mortgage debt being reduced from \$1,100 to \$400 during the past two years. The President was named ex-officio delegate to the General Council. The Rev. Mr. Hauser presented the statistical report and was re-elected statistician. There are 8 pastors, 28 congregations, 3,069 members, a gain of 168; 1,815 communed, a gain of 245; there were 169 infant baptisms; 181 confirmations, a gain of 114. There are 1,599 in Sunday schools, a gain of 24. \$2,222.69 was given for benevolence, a gain of \$143.88. A busy year confronts this Synod.

SYNOD'S GIFT.

On Monday evening, June 11, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Sorensen, while on their honeymoon at Hamilton, were surprised by Rev. Ernest H. Beckman, who, in the presence of a few friends, presented the happy couple with a ten dollar gold piece as the gift of the pastors of the Synod on the event of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Sorensen a few days previously. Accompanying the gift was a neat little booklet containing the names of the pastors of the Synod. Both Rev. and Mrs. Sorensen responded feelingly to the presentation in a few well chosen words. May God's richest blessings rest upon this happy young couple in their labors at Dunbar.

GLEANINGS FROM THE CAN- ADA SYNOD.

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gregations, demanding the services of a practical, vigorous man. There seems no end of our perplexities in sight and ever anew we are driven into the prayer for laborers in the Lord's vineyard.

Rev. J. Alberti was installed in his three churches at Wellesley, North Easthope and Gadshill the fourth Sunday after Trinity, the Revs. Stockman, Reble and Lamack officiating.

The same Sunday the corner stone was laid of the new church at Ellice Tp. (Rev. A. Blunck). to replace the one which early in the year was destroyed by fire.

July 5th the writer had the pleasure and honor of attending a committee at Atlantic City, which was called by the President of the General Council to revise its constitution. In view of the pending unification of General Council with the General Synod and the United Synod of the South, the deliberations of the committee soon developed into a discussion of the constitution for the proposed United Lutheran Church in America. The General Synod has already unanimously adopted this constitution, while the two other bodies will take action upon it at their coming convention. Should they also ratify the constitution, then the United Lutheran Church in America will become an accomplished fact at its first convention on the second Tuesday of November, 1918.

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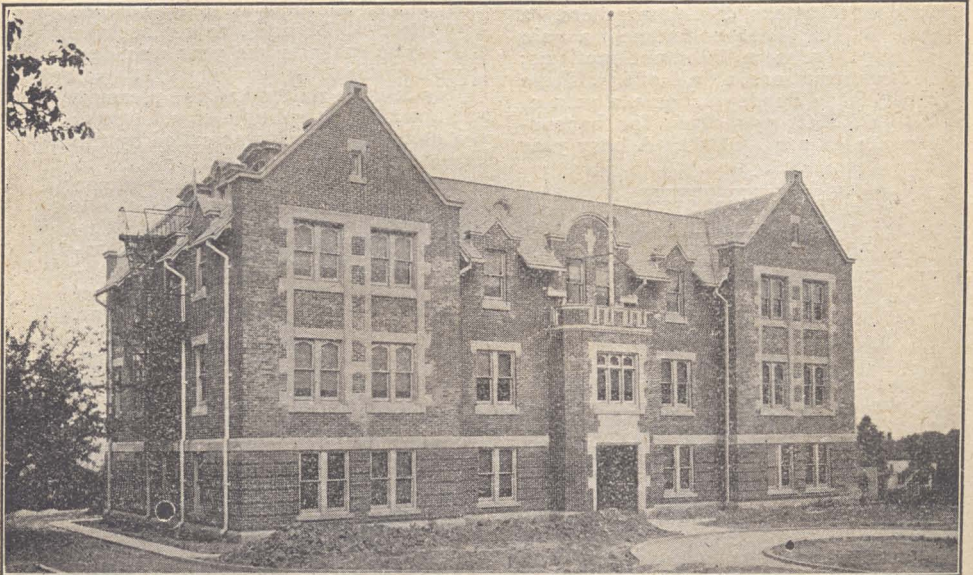
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